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Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest. Enforcement Blitz Planned for Halloween to Catch Drunk Drivers.

More than 40 percent of the fatalities in motor vehicle crashes on Halloween night in 2005 involved a driver or motorcycle operator with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or higher, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

In fact, 41 percent of all highway fatalities across the nation from 6 p.m. on Halloween night until 6 a.m. the following morning in 2005 involved a driver or a motorcycle operator with a BAC of .08 or higher.

District Eight of the Washington State Patrol plans for an aggressive crackdown on impaired drivers this Halloween. All available troopers will be out looking for impaired drivers.

Troopers assigned to the Port Angles Detachment have planned DUI emphases patrols for this entire weekend. On Halloween night, three extra troopers will be working in hopes to keep the community safe. Not only will troopers be looking for impaired drivers, but will also look for unsafe drivers who may be driving recklessly or aggressively while many happy pedestrians are walking along the roadway.

Make no mistake. Our message is simple. *Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.* If we catch you driving impaired this Halloween, we will arrest you. No exceptions. No excuses.

Impaired driving is no accident – nor is it a victimless crime. In 2005, nearly 13,000 people died in highway crashes involving a driver or a motorcycle operator with a BAC of .08 or higher, according to NHTSA.

Drunk driving is not worth the risk. Not only do you risk killing yourself or someone else but the trauma and financial costs of a crash or an arrest for impaired driving can be significant. Violators often face jail time, the loss of their driver's license, higher insurance rates, big attorney fees, unpaid time away from work, and dozens of other expenses.

For more information, please visit www.StopImpairedDriving.org.

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